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October 29, 1962 - Monday

Pinkie and Lutie Thompson arrived this morning, to stay about a week. Alden McIntyre is coming to us this afternoon.

I lunched with Bob Eastabrook at the Connaught. He is about to be made, or possibly already has been appointed, by the Washington Post Chief of all its foreign correspondents, with headquarters in London. I am glad of this, for he is an excellent man.

Findley Burns brought in Messrs. Pierre and Lesh, of his section, to meet me.

I heard today for the first time that the brother of Ed McHale, of our Labor Section, was with Signore Mattei and was killed outside Milan when Mattei's private plane crashed on Saturday. The brother was head of TIME's Italian office. Mattei was an extraordinary man; head of a large partisan group during the war, he shot into prominence after being appointed to supervise the operations of the oil and gas combine in Italy. Bitterly anti-American and a violent opponent of the large private international oil companies, he was a disturbing element in the petroleum world, especially because of his large purchases of Soviet oil and his breaching the 50-50 agreements in the Middle East by taking on concessions at a more favorable percentage for the native governments. As his power and resources grew, he exercised a large influence in Italian politics, and was said to have used government funds freely to sway election results. Cy Sulzberger knew him well, and thought him a brilliant personality.

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We had a dinner tonight for

The Duke of Marlborough
Lady Perth
Lord and Lady Bessborough
Mr. McIntyre
Lady Jellicoe
Lord and Lady Colyton
Count and Countess Kinsky
Mr. Henry Tiarks
Lady Tavistock
Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel
Mr. and Mrs. Thompson
Mr. and Mrs. Lampson
Mrs. Amory
Mr. Wells

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